

5. What are the parameters for the use of technology (e.g., iPads) by petition circulators to provide full text of ballot measures to petition signers? (Wanless)

During their 2017 legislative session, several states across the country addressed legislation that allows for some form of electronic signature on initiated measure petitions. In states that do not have initiated measures, the electronic signature would be authorized for candidate petitions. Most of the legislation that was introduced was not successful. Colorado passed a pilot program through HB 1088 in 2017 that will allow for electronic signatures. Illinois passed authorization for electronic signatures through HB 3519.

Because this legislation is new, there is no record of any litigation challenging it as yet.